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SUBJECT: "STAR SERIES": JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

1. USIA 16111 INDICATED THAT JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN WOULD BE ON SABBATICAL LEAVE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR AND WAS TRAVELING TO LONDON IN FEBRUARY. ON SEPTEMBER 4TH. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN WROTE TO PROFESSOR FRANKLIN INVITING HIM TO ADD A VISIT TO INDIA ON TO HIS LONDON TRIP. FRANKLIN RESPONDED SAYING THAT HE COULD PERHAPS (UNDERSCORE PERHAPS) SPARE TEN DAYS, FEBRUARY 4-14. WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO PROGRAM HIM IN DELHI DURING THIS PERIOD AS A PARTICIPANT IN OUR SERIES "MODERN SOCIETY AND TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENT."

2. PLEASE RESUME CONTACT WITH FRANKLIN, AND IF HE DOES DECIDE TO VISIT INDIA, WE REQUEST THAT YOU WORK OUT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WITH HIM. KEEP US ADVISED.

3. ALSO, IF FRANKLIN DOES DECIDE AFFIRMATIVELY, PLEASE INFORM HIM THAT WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF HE COULD FIT AT LEAST ONE ADDRESS INTO THE "MODERN SOCIETY...." THEME. AT THE SAME TIME, SHARE WITH HIM THE DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE, PURPOSE AND SUBJECT MATTER FOR THE SERIES CONTAINED IN NEW DELHI 9576. MAKE THE POINT THAT THE OVERARCHING TOPIC IS A DEVICE TO PROMPT DISCUSSION RATHER THAN TO CONSTRAIN SUBJECT MATTER. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM FRANKLIN A) TITLE FOR HIS SERIES LECTURE. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING
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FROM HIM OTHER LECTURE, SEMINAR OR DISCUSSION TOPICS WHICH

HE WOULD USE IN REGULAR PROGRAMMING OUTSIDE OF THE "MODERN SOCIETY...#.." SERIES.

4. WE NEED FRANKLIN'S BIODATA AND /OR PROFILE, HIS PHOTOGRAPH AND YOUR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING A PROGRAM PACKET IN SUPPORT OF HIS PRESENTATION HERE. IF HE COMES IN FEBRUARY, OUR DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF SUCH A PACKET IN DELHI IS JANUARY 1.

5. FRANKLIN HAS BEEN TO INDIA BEFORE. HE FIRST VISITED IN 1957 AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACLS TO THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF CALCUTTA, MADRAS AND BOMBAY. AS A MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS HE VISITED INDIA FOUR TIMES. HE WAS ACTIVE IN PLANNING THE AMERICAN STUDIES RESEARCH CENTER AT HYDERABAD. HENCE, WE EXPECT HE WILL HAVE SOME QUITE DEFINITE IDEAS ABOUT PROGRAMMING. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE HIS WISHES. ALSO, HE HAS ALREADY MET SOME OF INDIA'S LEADING PERSONALITIES IN HIS FIELD. ARE THERE ANY PARTICULAR PEOPLE HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE OR MEET ON THIS TRIP? ARE THERE INSTITUTIONS HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT?

6. FYI, FRANKLIN SOUNDS SOOMEWHAT UNHAPPY AT HAVING TO COMBINE HIS LONDON TRIP WITH DELHI VISIT, AND HE MAY PREFER TO MAKE A SEPARATE TRIP LATER IN THE YEAR. WE WOULD BE AGREEABLE, IF THOSE ARE HIS WISHES, AND YOU MIGHT POINT OUT TO HIM THAT "OPTION" OF COMING FROM CANADA COULD PERMIT THIS--AND WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US-- SHOULD THAT BE HIS WISH.

7. ON FRANKLIN'S TRAVEL TO DELHI: PLEASE PROVIDE ROUTING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. HEMSING

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